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**RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION DATED NOVEMBER 24, 2003**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Communication issued November 24, 2003 by the U.S. Patent Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Communication was due December 24, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and authorization to charge the fee due to the undersigned's Deposit Account. In view of the filing of this Petition and payment of the fee, a response is now due January 24, 2004. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

The Amendments to the Claim begin on page 2 of this Response.

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